

WEEKEND MASSES

ARDCATH: 6:30PM (SAT VIGIL)

CLONALVY: 10:00AM (SUNDAY)

CURRAHA: 11:30AM (SUNDAY)

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

27TH NOVEMBER 2022



Sunday	4 th Dec	<u>MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST</u>	<u>MINISTERS OF THE WORD</u>
Ardcath	6.30pm	Mary Moore	Lara McCormack & Maire McKenna
Clonalvy	10.00am	Patricia Harford	Anne White
Curraha	11.30am	Catherine Keohane	Maureen Mooney

27th November First Sunday of Advent

Vigil Ardcath	6.30pm	Private Intention
Sunday Clonalvy	10.00am	A.V. Patrick & Nano Whyte
Sunday Curraha	11.30am	1 st A.V. Kathleen Farrell Rem husband Tommy & Margery Farrell

Monday	28 th Curraha	7.30pm	Joseph Langan
Tuesday	29 th Clonalvy	9.30am	Special Intention
Thursday	1 st Curraha	9.30am	Special Intention
Friday	2 nd Ardcath	9.30am	Parish List of the Dead

Sunday 4th December Second Sunday of Advent

Vigil Ardcath	6.30pm	A.V. Maura Cox A.V. Paddy Browne & Remembering Bill & Eileen & Adams DFM
Sunday Clonalvy	10.00am	
Sunday Curraha	11.30am	1 st A.V Eileen Gilsean A.V. Frances Smith & Rem Husband Charlie & Daughter Gemma

Parish Sunday Collection Weekly

	Ardcath	Clonalvy	Curraha
Offertory	163.12	131.40	347.02
Envelopes	160.00	0.00	160.00
Offerings	35.00	0.00	280.00

Thank you for your generous support with the running costs of our parish.

Advent

The beautiful season of Advent captures the essence of our hope arising from the Article of the Creed that states "He (Christ) will come again to judge the living and the dead, and his Kingdom will have no end." Advent then is a time of purifying hope, by looking forward to the coming of Christ our King in glory at the end of time, by recalling the yearning expectation of His first coming as a baby in Bethlehem. There are many ways to live this season: Family Advent Wreath, An extra Mass during the week, learning some of the great Advent Hymns, the Sacrament of Confession, etc.



Christkindl: The original Kriskindl was not a once-off gift-giving for Christmas but a great Advent long Custom! Each member of the family is drawn by lot, and from the start of Advent until Christmas Day, the person selected is in the special care of the selectee! They must do many little favours for their ChrisKindl without ever being found out:- a bed being made, a chore being done, a treat left for them, a note to say they were prayed for that day, a unsigned letter to say how much they are loved, etc. The idea is that the person being cared for becomes like the little Christchild of Bethlehem, being reminded that "Whatsoever you do to the least of these, you do to me".

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.*

O come now Wisdom from on high,
who ordered all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show
and teach us in its ways to go.
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel*

Feast of St Andrew – 30th November – Patron Saint of Curraha.

Mass in honor of St Andrew – Wednesday @ 9:30pm

Given the Patronage of St Andrew the Apostle since medieval times, Curraha is uniquely blessed to given such a rare patronage in our Diocese. It behooves us to not just seek his continued intercession and guardianship of our parish and on all who make this a wonderful community, but in honouring our Patron, we may be even more greatly blessed by his powerful intercession with the Lord. St Andrew Pray for us

Prayer Petition Box:

A Petition Box for Prayers will be located beside the Statue of St Andrew; and all prayers will be included in the Masses leading up to the feast.



PARISH CHRISTMAS CARDS are now available. The 3 cards feature an image of each of the three churches. The intentions of those who receive the Christmas Cards will be included at the Masses of Christmas Night and Christmas Day. They are priced at €2 each or three for €5, and can be purchased from the Sacristies or Parish Office. The proceeds will go towards the upkeep of the parishes.



The **YOUTH2000 Christmas Retreat** will be taking place in Newbridge College, Newbridge between 9th-11th December. This retreat is for anyone aged 16-35. Great CRAIC!!, Excellent Speakers, Inspiring Talks & Workshops, Fantastic music, Group activities, Youth Masses, Adoration, Reconciliation, Prayer, Drama, Games & plenty of time to chill out, meet new people and find out what it means to be young & Catholic today!! Donation only. Free buses leaving from all over Ireland. Register now on www.youth2000.ie.